Relieving Universities from College Affiliation Functions

1946. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the University Grants Commission to relieve the Universities of their college affiliation functions; and

(b) if so, what is the consequent alternative proposal for the affiliation of the colleges and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) According to the National Policy on Education-1986, in view of the mixed experience with the system of affiliation, autonomous colleges will be helped to develop in large numbers until the affiliating system is replaced by a free and more creative association of Universities with Colleges. The Programme of Action to implement the Policy envisages the development of 500 autonomous colleges in the 7th Five Year Plan. The remaining Colleges which number more than 5000 will continue to be affiliated to the Universities concerned.

Poor Maintenance of PCO in Delhi

1947. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that most of the PCO in Delhi remains out of order and without any fan and light;

(b) whether Government are also aware that there is urgent need of installation of more PCO keeping in view of growth of population; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. Most of the PCOs in Delhi are working satisfactorily. Fan and light are provided wherever feasible.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to open more PCOs at suitable sites depending upon the availability of exchange capacity and feasibility.

Sale of Indira Vikas Patra

1948. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by the sale of Indira Vikas Patra throughout India upto the 1st July, 1987; and

(b) whether Government propose to issue Indira Vikas Patra for more value than the existing one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total amount collected by the sale of Indira Vikas Patra upto 30th June, 1987 is Rs. 1050.05 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

Telephone Connections sanctioned by the Ministers

1949. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of out of turn telephone connections sanctioned by

the Minister of communications and Minister of States of Communications since their assumption of offices; and

(b) whether Government propose to restrict the out of turn telephone connections sanctioned by the Cabinet Minister and Minister of States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total number of telephone connections sanctioned on out of turn priority by the present Minister of Communications and Minister of State for Communications as on 31st July, 1987 since their assumption of offices on 22.10.1986 is about 3,050.

(b) Telephone connections on over-riding priority are sanctioned by Minister of Communications and Minister of State for Communications keeping in view the merits and circumstances of each case. It will, therefore, not be necessary to impose any restriction in this regard.

New AIR servcies to Foreign Countries

1950. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce new air services from India to other countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and approximate date of their inauguration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) While scope always exists for the expansion of air services, the Government have no specific proposal under consideration at present for the introduction of new air services to other countries.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Schools in Kerala

1951. SHRI K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Schools in Kerala as on date;

(b) name of each school and the date on which it began functioning; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start any more Central Schools in Kerala in the near future and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There are at present twenty Kendriya Vidyalayas located in the State of Kerala.

(b) A statement showing the year-wise, list of Kendriya Vidyalayas opened in Kerala is attached. (*See* below).

(c) The number of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened during 1987-88 has not been decided yet.